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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Status of plague—Plague prevention work.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports relative to status of plague:

October 26. Cases to date, 78; deaths, 49.

November 4. Cases to date, 84; deaths, 54.

He further reports plague prevention work at San Francisco carried out during the week ended October 26—

Sick inspected	54
Plague	2
Dead inspected	78
Plague	5
Premises inspected	6, 623
Houses disinfected	67
Houses destroyed	51
Nuisances abated	490
Rats found dead	2, 604
Rats trapped	3, 160
Bounty rats	1, 143
Blocks covered with phosphorus paste	1, 200
Poisons placed	152, 029
Contacts inspected	62

Doctor Blue further reports: Antiplague operations in Oakland, Cal., for week ended October 19:

Sick inspected	9
Dead inspected	84
Plague	2
Premises inspected	9, 267
Houses disinfected	22
Nuisances abated	1, 090
Rats found dead	128
Rats trapped	2, 447
Bounty rats	2, 600
Poisons placed	18, 806
Contacts inspected	22
Ships inspected	44

Report from Los Angeles—Service officers to fumigate vessels and perform other sanitary duties.

Surgeon Brooks reports, October 26:

At a recent visit of Dr. N. K. Foster, secretary of the State board of health of California, to this city, the officers at this station, myself, and the acting assistant surgeons at Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, and San Pedro were appointed by Doctor Foster "agents of the California State board of health for the purpose of fumigating vessels and craft and controlling their movements while at the dock, so

as to prevent the transfer of vermin from vessels to land or land to vessels and for the performance of other sanitary duties." Doctor Foster desired to make these appointments in order to expedite business in case it was necessary to take action against any vessel for violation of present intrastate quarantine regulations.

Report from Seattle, Wash.—No further cases of plague.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cofer reports:

November 5. No further developments in plague. Will start work Thursday with 4 acting assistants and 45 laborers; latter to be increased.

Report from Santa Rosa Quarantine, Pensacola, Fla.—Malarial fever on steamship Hazlewood from Tampico.

Acting Assistant Surgeon White reports, October 31:

The British steamship *Hazlewood*, 4 days out from Tampico, arrived at this station late on the 29th instant, with 5 of the crew taken ill during the passage with fever, accompanied with high temperatures. Since arrival, 3 more of the crew have sickened, having high temperatures, and to-day 2 more have reported sick, in each case accompanied with high temperatures. Seven of the cases have improved and the men have returned to duty, while the captain and 2 of the crew are still sick.

The vessel has been made clean and has been thoroughly fumigated. The water tanks have been cleaned and fresh water has been ordered from Pensacola.

Microscopical examination will be made from blood smears.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

FLORIDA.—Reports to the State board of health for the week ended October 26, 1907, show as follows: Diphtheria—*Jacksonville*, 1 case; *St. Augustine*, 2 cases. Enteric fever—*Jacksonville*, 2 cases; *Clearwater*, 1 case. Tuberculosis—*Jacksonville*, 3 cases; *Tallahassee*, 1 case.

INDIANA—*Marion*.—Month of October, 1907. Estimated population, 27,000. Total number of deaths, 19, including enteric fever 1 and 1 from tuberculosis. Cases: Enteric fever, 8, and tuberculosis 1.

MICHIGAN.—Month of September, 1907. Estimated population, 2,611,792. Total number of deaths returned to the State department for the month was 2,882, including enteric fever 57, diphtheria 34, scarlet fever 5, measles 2, whooping cough 13, and 178 from tuberculosis. The total number of deaths from all causes corresponds to an annual rate of 13.5 per 1,000 estimated population.

MINNESOTA.—Month of August, 1907. Estimated population, 1,979,658. Reports to the State board of health show as follows: Total number of deaths, 1,329, including diphtheria 44, enteric fever 26, scarlet fever 5, whooping cough 5, and 155 from tuberculosis.